

**Nelson, Bettie L**

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**From:** Nelson, Bettie L  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2002 11:10 AM  
**To:** 'Bob Johnson'  
**Subject:** RE: Ethnicity and Race questions

Hi Bob,

My daughter is a little better. I am in the office today.

Should RTI respond favorably, let's bring them in at that point. I agree with you that since we are not going to carry out probability sampling that their involvement is less crucial. Of course, Hans and Chris' input is needed as well. Please let me know whether you think a conference call is needed this Monday.

We may wait until an initial draft is completed and everyone has had an opportunity to review it before a call is planned.

With best regards,

*Bettie*

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bob Johnson [SMTP:rjohnson@vcu.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2002 3:13 PM  
**To:** Bettie.L.Nelson@pmusa.com  
**Subject:** RE: Ethnicity and Race questions

Hi Bettie,

Hope your daughter will feel better soon... and that you will not catch whatever it is she has!

I too have my doubts about hearing positive news from RTI. I suspect the Kerrie is avoiding me either due to lack of response from her superiors or due to a negative response. Anyway, I'll try again to email her. I am reluctant to call her, but will do so if I don't hear back. One thing, what will we do if they say "yes"? One of the reasons they would be valuable relates to the random sampling method. They are able to do a random-digit-dial survey and can provide the correct sampling weights and such. But since we are not doing that, their involvement is less critical. I trust that COVANCE can set up the clinics, deal with the advertisements for recruitment, and such.

I will work up a draft of a sampling plan that will include questions about further information we may need to complete and refine the plan. Of course, everyone's input should be sought. I assume you will keep both Hans Carter and Chris involved and will seek their advice on this matter.

Today through Friday will be very busy, so I might not get to this until the weekend.

Take care,

Bob

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**From:** Bettie.L.Nelson@pmusa.com [mailto:Bettie.L.Nelson@pmusa.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2002 2:49 PM  
**To:** rejohnso@hsc.vcu.edu  
**Subject:** RE: Ethnicity and Race questions

Hi Bob,

I have not gotten back with the group with regards to submitting a document to Covance. I spoke with Hans about our intentions and his reaction was that Covance does not have the sampling expertise and that we should go ahead and develop the sampling details.

I'd like to know whether you would be willing to take the lead in putting the details of the sampling plan together. As I indicated, I really don't expect to hear positive news from RTI so we should move forward. We can use the results from our meeting and previous discussions to form the basis for the sampling plan.

I am at home (my daughter has been sick) today. I hope to be in the office on tomorrow or you can email me as to how we should proceed and what additional information is needed.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bob Johnson [SMTP:rjohnso@hsc.vcu.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 21, 2002 9:58 AM  
**To:** Bettie Nelson  
**Subject:** Ethnicity and Race questions

Bettie,

Here is a link to our ACORN website and the HAS questionnaire containing the ethnicity and race questions. Look at question 17 on page 2. Let me know if you have a problem viewing this.

<http://www.acorn.fap.vcu.edu/reports/documents/Generic%20HAS%20pages%201%20and%202.pdf>

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